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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

STATE SUPERINTENDENT LINDA MCCULLOCH TO PRESENT AT BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION MEETING

(Pablo) - State Superintendent Linda McCulloch will present the State Superintendent's Report at the Board of Public Education Meeting on September 11th. The meeting will be held in the Michel Building at Salish Kootenai College.

Superintendent McCulloch's Report will include an in-depth assessment of Indian Education for All in Montana and a list of the State Superintendent's goals for the remainder of the year.

GOVERNOR SCHWEITZER RELEASES 2008 TRIBAL RELATIONS REPORT

(HELENA) – Governor Brian Schweitzer today released the 2008 Tribal Relations Report at the Board of Education meeting on the Salish and Kootenai College campus in Pablo. The full text of the report is available online, at <http://gain.mt.gov/reports.asp>.

The report summarizes the major accomplishments of the State and the Tribes working together during the 2008 fiscal year. The report also contains a thorough appendix listing all of the state-tribal agreements that were in effect during the course of the last fiscal year.

"These achievements represent a long-term effort to build state-tribal relations based on the principle that strong Indian Nations benefit all of

Montana," Governor Schweitzer said. "I am proud of these accomplishments and committed to continuing these efforts in the months and years ahead."

Among the many achievements highlighted are the state-funded Tribal History Projects. These projects, which also will be unveiled today during the Board of Education meeting, are the culmination of two years of work under

the leadership of the tribal colleges. The history projects will, for the first time, enable Montana public school students to learn the history of Indian peoples as told by the Tribes.

There were nearly 500 cooperative agreements and programs in effect between the State and Tribal governments during the fiscal year, covering every aspect of governmental operations, including economic development; the delivery of human services; environmental stewardship; cooperation on finance and justice issues; and education.

These accomplishments include:

- The signing of a tax revenue sharing agreement with the Fort Peck Tribes, designed to prevent double taxation and promote new oil and natural gas development on reservations;
- The Many Stars project, facilitated by the Governor's Office, that brings together the Crow Tribe and the Australian-American Energy Company, LLC to develop the first coal-to-liquids facility in the nation. The facility is expected to employ 4,000 people during construction and 900 people once it is in operation. It will produce up to 50,000 barrels of diesel and jet fuel per day and contribute to the energy security of our country;
- The signing of the Birch Creek water agreement as part of the overall water rights settlement with the Blackfeet Tribe, including provisions to transfer to the Tribe the interest on \$15 million appropriated by the State Legislature as part of the agreement;
- Implementation of a pilot project with the Chippewa Cree Tribe to make Medicaid eligibility determinations, and the hiring of a statewide Tribal Medicaid Liaison to work with all the tribes in Montana on increasing Medicaid reimbursements;

- State funding for a large, multi-phased telecommunications project on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation which will support wireless communication services;
- Continued support for the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians for tobacco use prevention and assistance to urban Indian programs; and

The State also launched a comprehensive Indian Country Economic Development grants program, pursuant to which tribal governments and businesses have obtained funding for a variety of economic development projects across the State.

[VENNE FILES AGAIN](#)

Big Horn County News

In what appears to be a breach of the Crow Tribe's 2002 Constitution and Bylaws, incumbent Tribal Chairman Carl E. Venne has filed for a third term as leader of the Crow Nation.



Chairman Carl Venne

[REACH FOR THE STARS, LIVE YOUR DREAMS](#)

Char-Koosta News

PABLO — Navy Commander John Herrington, a member of the Chickasaw Nation and the only enrolled tribal member to ever fly in space as a NASA astronaut, has been feeling pretty down to Earth lately. The soon-to-be 50-year-old retired NASA engineer and astronaut is currently on a national bike tour that will take him from the state of Washington to Florida.

FEDERAL JUDGE GRANTS APPEAL OF COBELL JUDGMENT

Missoulain

Elouise Cobell, the lead plaintiff in a class-action lawsuit against the Interior Department, welcomed a federal judge's order this week granting an appeal on behalf of hundreds of thousands of Native landowners across the country.

BIDEN PROMISES MORE JUSTICE ON THE RESERVATIONS

Missoulain

KALISPELL - On Sunday, Democratic vice-presidential nominee Sen. Joe Biden said an Obama-Biden administration would increase federal prosecutions in Indian Country and strengthen tribal court jurisdiction over crimes occurring within reservation borders, regardless of the race of the criminal.

FLAGS TO FLY AT HALF-STAFF FOR PATRIOT DAY

As requested by Presidential Proclamation, Governor Brian Schweitzer has ordered all flags flown in the State of Montana to be flown at half-staff on Thursday, September 11,

Patriot Day, to honor the innocent Americans and people from around the world who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

FORT SMITH MEETS AYP

Big Horn County News

The state Office of Public Instruction (OPI) recently released the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) determinations for the Hardin School District.

BUILDING HOMES, BUILDING BRIDGES IN INDIAN COUNTRY

Bozeman Daily Chronicle

The Chronicle is highlighting local people who are working to make a difference in the world. Today's story focuses on Robert Young, who started the small nonprofit Red Feather Development Group to build decent homes on Indian reservations.

KICKING HORSE MAKES TOP 10

Charkoosta

RONAN — If Goldilocks and the three bears had gone to Kicking Horse Job Corps or any of the other three Job Corps Centers in Montana they would have had their pick of beds so-to-speak.

NK^WUSM BEGINS THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH SOME NEW ADDITIONS

CHAR-KOOSTA NEWS

ARLEE — With summer break concluding, fall chill wafting out of the mountains and the ubiquitous orange buses slowing traffic in the early morn, Nk^Wusm opened its doors for another year of revitalizing the Salish language.

RICHARD HORN EXHIBIT 9/14-10/31 FMPI BOARD MEETING 9/24

Richard Horn, an expert in Blackfeet traditional art and crafts, will have an exhibit at the Museum of the Plains Indian in Browning September 14-October 31, 2008.

The Friends of the Museum of the Plains Indian will have an open house on September 14th to host the Horn exhibit, at the Museum from 1-4:30pm, and you are all invited.

Richard was raised on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in Heart Butte by his maternal grandparents, Lawrence and Mary Jane "Running Crane" Horn. He was taught history, cultural ceremonial ways, songs, stories, the roles of animals in Blackfeet history, and family lineages by his grandparents and many visiting elders. The elders also taught him traditional games, why they were played, and what they taught our people. Refreshments will be served.

There will be a meeting of the Friends Board at the Museum on Wednesday, September 24th, at noon—and again everyone is invited if they are in the area.

For more information, contact:

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TRIBAL BUDGET DIRECTOR

Tribal Accounting Department

Salary range is \$33.54 to \$39.20 per hour. To apply, contact Personnel at (406) 675-2700, Ext. 1040 or visit the www.cskt.org website for the application. Closing date will be Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. CSKT is an Indian Preference Employer.

FAMILY ADVOCATE

Early Childhood Services

Salary range \$13.95 to \$16.31 per hour, plus benefits. To apply, contact Personnel at (406) 675-2700, Ext. 1040 or visit the www.cskt.org website for the application. Closing date will be Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. CSKT is an Indian Preference Employer.

SECURITY ANALYST

Information Technology Department

Salary range \$15.39 to \$17.96 per hour, plus benefits. To apply, contact Personnel at (406) 675-2700, Ext. 1040 or visit the www.cskt.org website for the application. Closing date will be Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. CSKT is an Indian Preference Employer.

STARS COORDINATOR

Kicking Horse Job Corps

Salary range \$11.47 to \$13.39 per hour, plus benefits. To apply, contact Personnel at (406) 675-2700, Ext. 1040 or visit the www.cskt.org website for the application. Closing date will be Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.

PART-TIME DRIVER

Salish Kootenai College

To apply submit [SKC application](#), resume, and applicable transcripts or relevant training certificates to Dawn Benson, Salish Kootenai College, P.O. Box 70, Pablo, MT 59855. Closing date is September 18 by 4:00 p.m.

OUTREACH COORDINATOR College of Nursing

Provides coordination of the pre-entry programs with students, educators, health professionals and parents from reservation and near-reservation schools. Specific duties include: meeting with K-12 and tribal college educators and nursing professionals on the Montana and Wyoming partner reservations to recruit students and mobilize support systems; recruitment throughout the State of Montana and Northern Wyoming; leading a seminar for upper division students on the Bozeman campus; coordinating the summer Bridge program; and assisting with the summer college preparatory program.

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EVENTS & TRAININGS:

2008 NATIVE WOMEN & YOUTH IN AG ANNUAL WRITING COMPETITION

Essay Topic: "What Is Your Plan?"

A family conversation about estate planning to preserve the land and future of Indian Ag; How has your family passed its land from generation to generation & how will you do it in the future?

Who Is Eligible?

Young Native American Women & Men who will be entering grades 9-12 in the Fall of 2008. Graduates of May or August 2008 are also eligible to enter. Must be a member of a **Federally Recognized Tribe**.

All entries must be accompanied by a separate sheet containing the student's name, address, telephone number, email (if available), school attending & Tribal affiliation.

Deadline: October 24, 2008 at 5 pm

Sponsored By: Indian Land Tenure Foundation & Intertribal Agriculture Council

STATE AND LOCAL ANTI-TERRORISM TRAINING (SLATT)

The **State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training (SLATT)** Program, a joint effort with the [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#), is funded by the United States [Department of Justice](#), [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#), through a grant to the [Institute for Intergovernmental Research](#).

The Program provides specialized training for law enforcement personnel in combating terrorism and extremist criminal activity.

Who Should Attend

All stakeholders with questions or interest in how crime data is reported in the State of Montana and Indian Country should attend. There is no cost to attend. However, you must RSVP to Casey Richards at the Board of Crime Control to reserve your lunch, 406.444.3689.

Day One: Specialized Workshop

Day Two: Crime Reporting in Montana & Indian Country

Fort Peck Community College September
18 & 19, 2008
Poplar, Montana
9 am to 1 pm
Greet the Dawn Room
Lunch Served at noon
(406) 768-6300

DHRD TRIBAL SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE MONTANA FOSTER CARE TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM is proud to sponsor/offer life skills classes for kids in Foster Care and those who have aged out of Foster Care as well as local teens/young adults who applying for IIM account funds who are working on their GED. Classes are Wednesday afternoon/evenings from 5 to 7 pm at the White House behind Early Childhood Services and the Ronan Tribal Health Clinic.

For more information contact: Constance Morigeau at ext 1159 or Micheleanne Stasso at ext 1299.

POW-WOWS ACROSS THE GLOBE

There are still plenty of opportunities for folks to travel to traditional American Indian celebrations in Montana.

Sept. 12-13: North American Indian Alliance Powwow, Butte, 782-0461

Sept. 16-18: Native American Awareness Days, Pablo, 800-883-5344

Sept. 26-28: Last Chance Community Powwow, Helena, 439-5631

THIS WEEK AT THE MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

Thursday September 11, 6:30 p.m.

Powwow oh Wow! In anticipation of the upcoming Last Chance Community Powwow (September 26-28), Museum Manager Bill Mercer will provide a general overview of contemporary powwows and their history, along with a detailed description of the various dance styles and the regalia that is worn.

September 13, 9:30 – 12:30. *Vintage to Modern, Treadles to Computers: The Evolution of Quilt Making.* Bobi Harris, Montana Historical Society Historical Interpreter, and Doris Hitt, Montana Historical Society Volunteer, will show you how quilters have adapted through the decades to trends in equipment, vintage to modern, 1865 – 2008. You will also learn tips and techniques for making a photo album quilt.

For more information, contact:

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GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:

RURAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES OUTREACH GRANT PROGRAM

This program encourages the development of new and innovative health care delivery systems in rural communities that lack essential care services. The emphasis of the grant program is on service delivery through collaboration, requiring the grantee to form a consortium with at least two additional partners.

WANT TO BUY A HOME?

NeighborWorks Montana may help! Please visit www.nwmt.org for more information.